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Elderly Man Dies in Ponchatoula Fire

Ponchatoula, LA- State Fire Marshal H. “Butch” Browning released information today in reference to a morning home fire that has claimed the life of a Man; his wife escaped the flames.

The Ponchatoula Volunteer Fire Department received a call at 6:53 am that a mobile home was on fire at 700 West McClellan Street lot 27. When firefighters arrived they discovered that the entire structure was on fire. They quickly entered the building and extinguished the fire. They located the body of Herbert Harris (dob. 9-18-46). He was pronounced dead at the scene. Mr. Harris’s wife was awoken by heavy smoke; she barely escaped injury. Harris was disabled and had limited mobility. There were no working smoke alarms in the home.

The State Fire Marshal’s Office is conducting the investigation into this tragic loss. Fire marshal deputies believe the fire origin was in the bathroom at the area of a space heater. The cause of this fire has been determined to be electrical in nature.

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